(a) whether Government are considering to enact a legislation in respect of farm labours; and

(b) if so, by when, a Bill would be presented to the Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SAHIB SINGH VERMA): (a) and (b) At present, there is no proposal under consideration of the Government to enact a separate legislation for farm labour.

Amendment in Contract Labour Abolition Act

311. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to amend the Contract Labour Abolition Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the necessary amendment would be brought forward before Parliament for final enactment?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SAHIB SINGH VERMA): (a) to (c) In the wake of economic liberalization, judgements of various courts, the experience gathered in administration of the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970 and the proposals received from social partners to bring about changes in the said Act, the Government has initiated action to review the Act. The amendments which may be effected in the Act have not yet been finalised as the process involves consultation with various concerned authorities. Hence no definite time, by which the amendment would be brought forward before Parliament, can be given.

Contract Labour System

312. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to introduce contract labour system in several segments in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to provide for decent work conditions for the contract labour force including provision for their social security and freedom from exploitation?